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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW – Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Notice – Consolidated Application of EchoStar
Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and
Hughes Electronics Corporation for Authority to Transfer Control,
CS Docket No. 01-348**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar"), Hughes Electronics Corporation ("Hughes") and General Motors Corporation, Applicants in the above-referenced merger proceeding, submit this letter to report on a series of meetings that took place on October 8, 2002.

Specifically, in four separate meetings, representatives of the Applicants, including Charles Ergen, Chairman and CEO of EchoStar and Eddy Hartenstein, Chairman and CEO of Hughes's DIRECTV subsidiary, met with Kenneth Ferree, Chief of the FCC's Media Bureau and Susan Eid, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell; Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and her Legal Advisor, Stacy Robinson; Commissioner Kevin Martin and his Legal Advisor, Catherine Bohugian; Commissioner Michael Copps and his Legal Advisor, Alexis Johns; FCC General Counsel Jane Mago and Joel Kaufman, Deputy Associate General Counsel.


At these meetings, the Applicants addressed the status and procedural posture of the pending EchoStar-Hughes merger proceeding, and advised the Commission representatives of the status of Applicants' discussions and planned submissions to and meetings with the Department of Justice ("DOJ") later this month. Applicants noted that they plan to present possible major revisions to their pending transaction, along with possible structural remedies, to both the DOJ and the FCC within the next two weeks, and reiterated their request that any possible FCC action on the merger be delayed for a very brief period of time in order to take into account the most current and material facts surrounding the merger that could result from discussions with both agencies. Applicants noted that if, as reported, the FCC were to designate the license transfers for hearing at this juncture, it would gravely undermine any prospect of

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expedited review of revisions to the transaction that could ultimately yield tremendous public interest benefits to consumers.

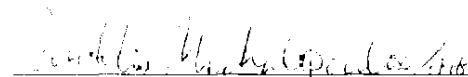
An original and one copy of this *ex parte* notice are being filed with the Commission. If you have questions concerning this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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